

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Lionel Simpson; Nestor Peregrino Noguera; John Basing; Susanna Fahey; Elizabeth Ajayi; Cornelia Giwa; Della McEnroe; Daniel Kennedy
and all the faithful departed.

**OUR SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 2025
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Saturday 18th October

SUNDAY 19th	6.00 pm	Lionel Simpson (RIP)
	8.30 am	-
	10.00 am	The People of the Parish
	12 Noon	-
29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00 pm	Nestor Peregrino Noguera (RIP)

Monday 20th 9.30 am John Basing (RIP - 2nd anniv)

Tuesday 21st

9.30am	-
10.30am	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
12Noon	Funeral Mass of Daniel Kennedy
2.30pm	St Anthony Prayer Group

Wednesday 22nd *No Mass today. Church is closed.*
St John Paul II, Pope

Thursday 23rd 9.30am Susanna Fahey (RIP - anniv)

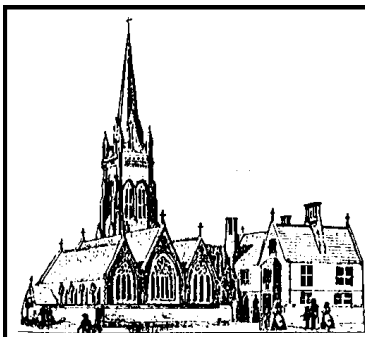
**Friday 24th 9.30 am Elizabeth Ajayi & Cornelia Giwa
(RIP - anniv)**

Saturday 25th

10.00 am	The sick and housebound
10.30am	Adoration and Benediction

**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10.30 - 11.20AM ; 5.00 - 5.40PM
OR BY ARRANGEMENT**

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
11AM - 3PM, (Closed on Wednesday)**



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Catechesis with Deacon Wayne :

Why are the Sacraments important and what does it show us about God's love for us?

The sacraments are the heart of Catholic life, channels through which Christ's grace is truly given to believers and the Church. They matter because they are not merely symbols or rituals, but visible signs that confer the grace they signify, forming and strengthening the faithful as members of the Body of Christ. In Catholic thinking, grace is God's life present in the soul, and the sacraments are concrete means by which this divine life is communicated, nourished, and deepened.

First, sacraments integrate believers with Christ and with each other. Through Baptism, one is cleansed of original sin, incorporated into the Church, and welcomed as a child of God. Confirmation corroborates this baptismal grace, strengthening the Spirit's gifts so that the faithful can witness to Christ in daily life. The Eucharist, the summation of the sacraments, unites believers with Christ and with one another as they share in the real presence of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. This communion helps build a communal, missionary people. Second, sacraments sustain the Christian life. Reconciliation offers forgiveness, healing, and the restoration of grace after sin. Anointing of the Sick provides spiritual strength, comfort, and sometimes physical grace, especially for the seriously ill or elderly. Holy Orders and Matrimony configure individuals to specific vocations within the Church, sanctifying service and family life as a vocation to love and serve others. Third, sacraments reveal the mystery of God's unconditional love. They are signs of a reality beyond themselves, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church.

Fourth, sacraments sanctify time and space. They sanctify the rhythms of life—birth, growth, illness, marriage, death—by infusing ordinary moments with divine meaning. The Church's liturgical calendar, centred on the sacraments, shapes the calendar of grace: Sundays, feast days, and seasons become occasions for grace to be received anew, transforming ordinary life into a continual encounter with the divine.

Deacon Wayne



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN GIVING

Don't forget you can also make an offering via the 'Touch & Tap' at the door. For details of methods of Planned Giving, see the leaflet at the door of Church. Parish bank account details are below, and on the website *Donate* page.

PARISH BANK DETAILS: HSBC

Sort code: 40-05-20

Acct. No.: 11263137

Acct name: WRC DT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY FULHAM

SOCIETY OF St VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP): Next planning meeting is on **THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER at 7.30pm in No.62**. Open to any who are interested. We are now at the stage of processing membership applications. Whether you want to be involved in the new Conference of the SVP or not, please pray for this initiative.

PLANNED GIVING: Today you have the opportunity to review and re-new your Planned Giving commitment to the parish, and consider some voluntary opportunities to give time to the community.

THANK YOU for listening to the presentations on the last two Sundays and reading the leaflets given out (more copies in church if needed.)

The Cardinal asks every parish to review our Planned Giving every few years to take into account changed circumstances for households and promote efficient ways to provide for our needs. If possible please complete the form to-day at Mass. The Bowden Room will be available for time after Mass too.

Here's some information to address some frequently asked questions:

1) What do we contribute financially to the diocese?

This is worked out by a formula taking our "assessable" income from two years previous. For 2023 that figure was £187,574. The formula means we contribute 33% of that to central services (Education; HR; IT; Safeguarding, Property Services etc etc). Currently we pay £5158 a month.

2) What is our weekly income?

In the past a note had been put in the Newsletter with the total of that week's Offertory. At present this isn't the case because the figure had become inaccurate. As the use of Standing Orders and Contactless payments increases, data is collected at different times, not just week by week. As office time allows, the intention is to publish a monthly figure for Offertory income. The full parish accounts are published each year and a summary displayed on the noticeboard.

PRAYING THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER: Pope Leo has asked all the faithful to pray the Rosary in October for the cause of peace. He said: "Dear brothers and sisters, the month of October is now approaching, and in the Church it is dedicated in a special way to the Holy Rosary. Therefore, I invite everyone, every day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace: personally, in the family & the community."

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Thank you for your support of our anti-

pated appeal last weekend for WMS. If you still wish to add to this via regular envelopes or with Giftaid, there are particular envelopes for this in church, with a poster for further info. Put any envelopes in the regular offertory. Do also pick up a copy of **Mission Today**, the news magazine from **MISSIO** - the Holy Father's umbrella organisation for supporting missionary activity around the world.

WALK THE WESTMINSTER WAY: Our diocesan Jubilee pilgrimage - Join us on **Sat 8 Nov**. Timetable below. A gentle (ish) walk of about 7 miles from Tower Hill to the Cathedral, passing through Moorfields, Charterhouse, Ely Place, Maiden Lane and Westminster, taking in significant sites of Catholic history. The walk takes about 4 hours, with brief stops.

09.30am: Mass in church and leave together for Tower Hill

11.30am: Others assemble at Tower Hill Tube station (District Line)

3.30 approx. arrive Westminster Cathedral & return to Fulham.

What to bring: Sandwiches, water and snacks; sensible shoes!! Rain wear!! And prayer intentions.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS:

During November the Church prays especially for the souls of the departed - family, friends and, as an act of charity, all others in need of our prayers. Regularly through the month Mass will be offered for this intention, as you will see on the schedule. In the usual way, for names of your families and friends to be included in these offerings, please take an envelope from the door of church (or use any envelope of your own) and place in it your list of names together with whatever stipend you can give for the offering of Mass. From next Sunday, please place your envelopes in the box at the front of church, where they will remain during November.

FAMILIES SEEKING ENDORSEMENT OF SCHOOL APPLICATIONS:

This process for Secondary schools is now complete. Please note that arrangements for applications to Primary schools will be available at a later date.

DATES LOOKING AHEAD: Note that this year the **SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS** is kept on Sunday 2 November. The **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)** is kept on Monday 3 Nov, with Masses at 9.30am & 7.30pm offered for the Holy Souls.

SUNDAY MISSALS ON SALE: A reminder that following the introduction of the new translation of the scriptures used in Mass, we now have some stock of the new edition of the Catholic Truth Society Sunday Missal. £19.95 from the Parish Office or from the Sacristy after Mass.